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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for filing a response, from the time of the Notice of Appeal filed September 7, 1999, be extended for a period of <u>5</u> month(s) from November 7, 1999 to and including April 7, 2000.

Please note that a fee of \$435.00 for an extension of 3 months from November 7, 1999, to and including February 7, 2000, was paid on January 27, 2000 (a copy of the extension is attached hereto). Accordingly, the fee for this extension is estimated to be \$490.00, the difference between the fee for an extension for response within the fifth month and the fee for an extension for response within the third month. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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